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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on July 11, 2005, **JOHN W. BROWN, a/k/a "Charley,"** age 34, of East St. Louis, Illinois, was sentenced in the United States District Court in East St. Louis for being a felon in possession of a firearm. **BROWN** pled guilty to the offense on April 14, 2005. **BROWN** received fifty-two (52) months of imprisonment, three (3) years of supervised release, and fined \$300.

At the time of the guilty plea, the parties stipulated that, on September 11, 2004, an East St. Louis police officer saw John W. Brown firing a weapon in the direction of The Real Deal Liquor Store in East St. Louis, Illinois. Brown was standing in front of a vehicle which he then entered and took off at a high rate of speed. Brown led the officers on a high speed chase, but eventually pulled over in Missouri. During the pursuit, officers saw Brown throw an object out of his car before pulling over. Officers searched this area and recovered a Smith and Wesson semi-automatic pistol.

The investigation was conducted by the East St. Louis Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The case was handled by Assistant United States Attorney Angela Scott.